

# Lords PROTEST

On the Motion to Address His Majesty to settle  
100,000 l. per Annum on the Prince of Wales.

Die Martis 25<sup>o</sup> Februarij 1736.

**T**HE House being moved, That an Humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to express the just Sense of this House, of His Majesty's great Goodness and tender Regard for the lasting Welfare and Happiness of His People, in the Marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*; and as this House cannot omit any Opportunity of shewing their Zeal and Regard for His Majesty's Honour, and the Prosperity of his Family, humbly to beseech His Majesty, That, in Consideration of the high Rank and Dignity of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, and their many eminent Virtues and Merits, he would be graciously pleased to settle 100,000 l. a Year on the Prince of *Wales*, out of the Revenues cheerfully granted to His Majesty (for the Expences of his Civil Government, and better supporting the Dignity of the Crown, and for enabling His Majesty to make an honourable Provision for his Family) in the same Manner His Majesty enjoy'd it before his happy Accession to the Throne: And also humbly to beseech His Majesty, to settle the like Jointure on Her Royal Highness the Princess of *Wales*, as her Majesty had, when she was Princess of *Wales*; and to assure His Majesty, that this House will be ready to do every thing on their Part, to perform the same, as nothing will more conduce to the strengthening of His Majesty's Government, than honourably supporting the Dignity of their Royal Highnesses, from whom we hope to see a numerous Issue, to deliver down the Blessings of His Majesty's Reign to the latest Posterity.

The Duke of *Newcastle*, by His Majesty's Command, made the like Signification to the House of the Message sent by His Majesty in Writing to the Prince of *Wales* and of the Report of His Royal Highness's Verbal Answer, as is printed in the Votes of the House of Commons of the 22d Instant:

And the same being read by the Lord Chancellor,

After long Debate upon the foregoing Motion,

The Question was put, Whether such an Address shall be presented to His Majesty?

It was resolved in the Negative.

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## Dissentient

1. Because that this House has an undoubted Right to offer, in an humble Address to His Majesty, their Sense, upon all Subjects in which this House shall conceive that the Honour and Interest of the Nation are concerned.

2. Because the Honour and Interest of the Nation, Crown, and Royal Family, can be concerned in nothing more, than in having a due and independent Provision made for the First-born Son, and Heir Apparent to the Crown.

3. Because, in the late King's Reign, 100,000 l. a Year, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, was settled upon His present Majesty when Prince of *Wales*, out of a Civil List not exceeding 700,000 l. a Year.



4. Because His present Majesty had granted him by Parliament, several Funds to compose a Civil List of 800,000 *l.* a Year, which we have very good Reason to believe bring in at least 900,000 *l.* and are more likely to increase than to diminish.

5. Because out of this extraordinary and growing Civil List, we humbly conceive his Majesty may be able to make an honourable Provision for the rest of his Royal Family, without any Necessity of lessening that Revenue which, in his own Case, when he was Prince of *Wales*, the Wisdom of Parliament adjudged to be a proper Maintainance for the First-born Son, and Heir Apparent of the Crown.

6. Because it is the undoubted Right of Parliament to explain the Intention of their own Acts, and to offer their Advice in Pursuance thereof. And tho', in the inferior Courts of *Westminster-hall*, the Judges can only consider an Act of Parliament according to the Letter and express Words of the Act, the Parliament itself may proceed in a higher Way, by declaring what was their Sense in passing it, and on what Grounds, especially in a Matter recent, and within the Memory of many in the House, as well as out of it.

7. Because there were many obvious and good Reasons, why the Sum of 100,000 *l.* per Annum for the Prince, was not specified in the Act passed at that Time, particularly his being a Minor, and unmarried. But we do apprehend, that it is obvious, that the Parliament would not have granted to His Majesty so great a Revenue above that of the late King, but with an Intention that 100,000 *l.* a Year should at a proper Time be settled on the Prince, in the same Manner as it was enjoyed by his Royal Father when he was Prince of *Wales*: And His Royal Highness being now Thirty Years old, and most happily married, we apprehend it can no longer be delayed, without Prejudice to the Honour of the Family, the Right of the Prince, and Intention of the Parliament. And as in many Cases the Crown is known to stand as Trustee for the Publick, upon Grants in Parliament; so we humbly conceive, that in this Case, according to the Intention of Parliament, the Crown stands as Trustee for the Prince, for the aforesaid Sum.

8. Because we do conceive, that the present Princess of *Wales* ought to have the like Jointure that Her present Majesty had when She was Princess of *Wales*, and that it would be for the Honour of the Crown, that no Distinction whatsoever should be made between Persons of equal Rank and Dignity.

9. Because we apprehend, that it has always been the Policy of this Country, and Care of Parliament, that a suitable Provision, independent of the Crown, should be made for the Heir Apparent, that by shewing him early the Ease and Dignity of Independence, he may learn by his own Experience, how a Great and Free People should be govern'd. And as we are convinc'd in our Consciences, that if this Question had been passed in the Affirmative, it would have prevented all future Uneasiness that may unhappily rise upon this Subject, by removing the Cause of such Uneasiness, and giving His Royal Highness what we apprehend to be his Right; We make use of the Privileges inherent in Members of this House, to clear our selves to all Posterity from being concerned in laying it aside.

10. Lastly, We thought it more incumbent upon us to insist upon this Motion, for the sake of this Royal Family, under which alone we are fully convinced we can live *Free*, and under the Royal Family we are fully determined we *will live Free*.

*Winchelsea and*  
*Nottingham*  
*Berkshire*  
*Cobham*  
*Chesterfield*

*Cardigan*  
*Marlborough*  
*Carteret*  
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*Bedford*

*Weymouth*  
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His Majesty's Message to the Prince of *Wales*, by the Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Lord Steward, Lord Chamberlain, Dukes of *Richmond*, *Argyle*, *Newcastle*, Earls of *Pembroke*, *Scarborough*, and Lord *Harrington*; which being in Writing, was as follows, viz.

**H**IS Majesty has commanded Us to acquaint your Royal Highness, in His Name, That, upon your Royal Highness's Marriage, He immediately took into his Royal Consideration the settling a proper Jointure upon the Princess of *Wales*; but his sudden going abroad, and his late Indisposition since his Return, had hitherto retarded the



the Execution of these his gracious Intentions; from which short Delay His Majesty did not apprehend any Inconveniencies could arise, especially since no Application had, in any Manner been made to Him upon this Subject by your Royal Highness; And that His Majesty hath now given Orders for settling a Jointure upon the Princess of *Wales*, as far as He is enabled by Law, suitable to Her high Rank and Dignity; which He will, in proper Time, lay before his Parliament, in order to be rendered certain and effectual, for the Benefit of Her Royal Highness.

The King has further commanded us to acquaint your Royal Highness, that, although your Royal Highness has not thought fit, by any Application to His Majesty, to desire that your Allowance of Fifty thousand Pounds *per Annum*, which is now paid you by monthly Payments, at the Choice of your Royal Highness, preferably to quarterly Payments, might, by His Majesty's further Grace and Favour, be rendered less precarious, His Majesty, to prevent the bad Consequences, which, He apprehends, may follow from the undutiful Measures, which, His Majesty is informed, your Royal Highness has been advised to pursue, will grant to your Royal Highness, for His Majesty's Life, the said Fifty thousand Pounds *per Annum*, to be issuing out of His Majesty's Civil List Revenues, over and above your Royal Highness's Revenues arising from the Duchy of *Cornwall*; which His Majesty thinks a very competent Allowance, considering His numerous Issue, and the great Expences which do and must necessarily attend an honourable Provision for His whole Royal Family:

And to this Message his Royal Highness the Prince returned a verbal Answer, which, according to the best Recollection and Remembrance of the Lords, was in Substance as follows, *viz.*

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Sir <i>William Windham</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Herbert</i>	}	Mr. <i>Solicitor-General</i> .
Mr. <i>Pitt</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Gibbon</i>	}	Mr. <i>Secretary of War</i> .
Mr. <i>Lyttleton</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Walter Plumer</i> ,	}	Mr. <i>Danvers</i> .
Mr. <i>Greenville</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Bootle</i> ,		
Sir <i>John Rusbout</i> ,		
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